

# President Speaks On Exchange Problems

## Out Of The Tower, Alberta!

**EDITORIAL**

This afternoon, the students of the University of Alberta will have an opportunity to jump head first into the controversy which has been sweeping Canadian universities since the annual meeting of the National Federation of Canadian University Students during October. For, this afternoon in Med 158, Students' Union President Ed Stack will report to the students on the proposed Russian student exchange visit.

Purpose of the meeting is to try and arouse student opinion one way or another to help Students' Council decide what course to take upon a letter received from McGill university. The McGill council suggests that the universities which favor the Russian student exchange proposals should sponsor the plan outside the bounds of NFCUS.

Last year, Alberta's council voted in favor of a Russian student exchange plan under the sponsorship of NFCUS. Since then, however, NFCUS has been forced to drop the plan because of a threatened withdrawal of two universities from NFCUS ranks.

So now, Alberta will once again be asked the question: "Are we willing to help sponsor an exchange visit of Russian and Canadian students . . . this time without official sanction of NFCUS as such, but with the support of about nine other Canadian universities?"

To this question, we feel, students should answer strongly in the affirmative. The same reasons which led students to favor an exchange proposal last year still hold true at present.

Once the obstacle of the obstructionist minority has been overcome by the adoption of a proposal such as is advanced by McGill, there is no reason why a Russian student exchange visit should not receive the full support of University of Alberta students.—H.J.L.

## Russian Student Exchange Again Hot University Issue

(Editor's Note: Student exchange between Russia and Canada is "a hot issue" among Canadian universities. At a recent NFCUS conference in eastern Canada, two university member-delegations threatened to withdraw completely from NFCUS if a UBC resolution favoring a Russia-Canada exchange was endorsed.

The resolution was withdrawn "in order to preserve national unity." But several universities are not satisfied. McGill university, in particular, believes a dangerous precedent was set by allowing two dissenting delegations to over-rule the majority opinion on the exchange issue. McGill has asked support of a new move to institute a student-exchange scheme, through a letter to U. of A.'s student union president, Ed Stack.

To help clarify the issues involved, and to give U of A students information which will aid them in forming their own independent opinion on this vital problem, Robert Jones, of The Gateway staff, has undertaken a series of articles. The first follows.)

### TO EXCHANGE OR NOT TO EXCHANGE

By Robert Jones

Canadian universities may soon be viewing at close quarters a type of being which many people in and out of our universities are coming to believe is apart from the human species and to be touched only with extreme caution. Others either through a more calm and intelligent outlook, or else from sheer naivety, believe the being to be nothing more than another human-animal type, with nothing more unpleasant about its nature than "an undesirable political outlook."

This unusual being is a Russian university student. The library clipping file of the Edmonton Journal reveals that Canada has exchanged scholarship students with the United States and at least three European countries, but never with Russia, since 1930. Information further back was not solicited.

The Gateway's own files back to 1948 show that the Russian student exchange question became a "hot issue" one year ago at a NFCUS conference in eastern Canada.

At that conference in September, 1951, a proposal for a student-exchange scheme with Russia was defeated 12-6. The proposal resulted from a tentative invitation extended the previous summer by a NFCUS representative at an International Union of Students conference held in Europe. The representative had

extended the invitation to visit Canada, tentatively, to the Russian student president of the IUS.

#### "Poor Publicity"

Eighteen universities represented at NFCUS refused to ratify the invite. Some opposing delegates claimed it would be "poor publicity." Others declared that Russian students would be banned from appearing on their campuses if they did

Ed Stack To Address Students



Alberta's Student Union President, who attended the recent NFCUS conference at Laval, will address an open meeting today in Med 158.

## Stack Reports To Students On Russian Student Issue

Ed Stack, student council president, will speak on the Russian student exchange problem at a meeting to be held in Room 158, Medical Building, today (Monday, Dec. 1), at 4:30 p.m.

Stack represented the University of Alberta at the National Federation of Canadian University Students conference held recently at Laval University. At this meeting, although the exchange plan was approved in 'principle' by most of the universities represented, the plan was turned down because of the threatened withdrawal of Laval university from NFCUS.

To give students here a better understanding of the problem, Stack will give background material on the issue and will mention the suggestions made at the NFCUS conference.

It has been urged by other universities and by NFCUS that to avoid dissension the project be carried out by campus organizations other than NFCUS. Sponsors of the plan at the University of Alberta are the Political Science Club, the Student Christian Movement and the International Relations Club.

## What Is NFCUS?



Vi King

The National Federation of University Students, more commonly known as NFCUS, is a campus organization which acts as spokesman in matters which concern university students as a group. A National Office coordinates the undertaking of the local groups. At U of A the connection with students is made through Student Council by the chairman of the local committee Vi King.

NFCUS is not a social club; most of its undertakings are on dominion-wide basis. This year it has planned to concentrate on matters close at hand instead of operating on an international scale as in former

years. In this way it is hoped the organization will be strengthened.

One aim of NFCUS is to have university students exempted from paying unemployment insurance. Another is the implication of recommendations of the Massey report. A travel co-op is also planned. This co-op would make it possible for students to travel on the installment plan in other countries. A general fund would be set up to finance these travels and upon return the student would repay the money borrowed. Price reductions will also be sought in year round rail fares and also in the cost of textbooks.

The only income of NFCUS is the twenty cents of each student's general fees which goes towards its cost of operation. All students on the campus are members of NFCUS as a result of paying this small fee.

come.

The McGill Daily suggested that delegates at the NFCUS conference were governed by suspicion and fear in their handling of this international problem of students exchange.

Acadia university's newspaper, The Athenaeum, took the attitude that Canadian students "weren't ready for Russian students."

It said, "First let us develop on each campus an awareness of democratic ideals and concepts, of our way of life and our political thinking and institutions. Then, and only then, will we be able to effectively cope with any Reds that may be sent. . . . The 15 commies (students) would be trained propagandists . . . they would be meeting students who would have no experience in such matters. We would be sitting ducks."

#### Feared "Red" Influence

"While some universities might claim to superhuman intellectual and argumentative powers for all their students, we at Acadia make no such boast. We are a group of college students and most of us would not want to be pitted in a bull session, or elsewhere, against 15 of Russia's best. If one student were

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## CORRESPONDENCE

### CHEERS!

Editor, The Gateway,  
Dear Sir:

Smith jumped off the deep end and into pretty cold water, as far as Alberta students are concerned, when she challenged us to discuss political, religious, and economic fields rather than just football fields.

Cheers! At last we see someone showing unhappiness over this university's apathy in non-campus matters.

However, the NFCUS Quebec conference and its refusal to adopt a proposed Russian-Canadian student exchange should be of concern to us both for its campus and non-campus implications.

According to The Journal many universities favored the exchange, but defeated the motion in order to keep unity within the federation when Laval university threatened to secede if it were passed. This seems to indicate that NFCUS has no effective power to act except with the approval of all members.

Most of us lack sufficient information on this issue. But now our council is faced with a McGill proposal stating its desire to join with other universities in extending an invitation to the Russian students. It is about time we knew what it is all about.

If we see an opening to help relieve part of the tension between East and West and promote some form of understanding on the youth level then it is up to us to endorse this plan and give it all the support possible.

PATRICIA TOBY,  
Arts II.

under the same name, since they were all members of the world organization with headquarters at Geneva.

Objectives of WUSC are:

1. To promote international understanding.
2. To raise funds for students relief and university reconstruction in Europe and Asia.
3. To provide a fruitful channel of international contact for Canadian universities.

## Pigeon Pie

### GUEST EDITORIAL

(From The Toronto Varsity)

We watched ducks flying south yesterday. It reminded us that this University has a big fat pigeon coming home to roost...

...the Russian student visit question.

Last year the undergrads of this school voted in favour of a proposed Soviet-Canadian student exchange. This column went on a glorified crusade in favour of the visit. We presume there is still considerable sentiment in favour of the visit.

The visit was tossed into the lap of NFCUS. This was as foolhardy as asking the Federal government to deliberate on an educational issue bearing in mind our bi-lingual country. However, the U of T NFCUS representative pushed hard for the visit. He also detailed plans of the how, when and why of such a visit.

In short, Toronto took up the idea and made it a tangible possibility.

The reasons for such an exchange are still the same—the need for some contact with those behind the Iron Curtain—the hope that somehow we as students might be able to do something in resolving the present state of East-West affairs—the dream that maybe things were not as bad as the *Cassandras* of our society said they were.

Let it be clear that this was not an undergraduate stunt, nor a counter-move in the game of world politics. Those in favor of the plan were sincere in their attempt for understanding—and many were sneeringly labeled idealists and pipe-dreamers.

Two meetings ago the SAC adopted a motion to investigate the feasibility of re-opening negotiations in the line of having the tour without the NFCUS group participating.

We feel it is time the students made their wishes known in this respect.

We feel it is time the pigeon was either potted or given a cote!

## Exchange History

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influenced by these Reds, the entire purpose of the plan would be defeated.

Western Ontario's newspaper, The Varsity, compared Acadia with an ostrich who, "by burying its head in the sand, is in danger of losing its plumage."

Replied Acadia's *Athenaeum*, "True, perhaps—but at least we are saving our necks."

The McGill Daily was also critical of Acadia's attitude.

"We have more confidence in the ability and strength of Canadian students (than *The Athenaeum*)," it stated in its columns.

### Question of Maturity

"We ask if the students at Acadia were more mature three, four, five years ago? Are students there more aware now of democratic ideals and thinking than before?"

McGill Daily suggested that Acadia's attitude indicated that "McCarthyism" had extended its "insidious tentacles" into Canadian thinking.

"It would be truly tragic if the future of the nation succumbed to this insidious evil," it concluded.

### UBC Takes Stand

The following week the UBC newspaper, *The Ubyssey*, sent a telegram to the USSR minister of higher education informing him that *The Ubyssey* had proposed an exchange of students with Russia on a schol-

arship basis. It said that the university administration, student government and the International Student Service had promised "all possible support." The result of this move, whether the telegram was answered, is not revealed in subsequent *Gateway* issues.

### Gateway Stand

The *Gateway* commented editorially: "Surely the NFCUS conference has more confidence in the character of the students which they were sent to represent than to suppose that any great percentage of them would be influenced more than slightly by the pressure of foreign students."

In mid-November of 1951, U of A International Relations Club published resolutions favoring "the idea of a Soviet student exchange, and that IRC attempt to arouse student interest in this matter and to achieve by all possible means a report of the student opinion on this campus.

That brings the situation up to the NFCUS conference of October, 1952. Next of this series will take up the thread of that point in the December 4 issue of *The Gateway*.

## Rudolf Steiner Philsoc. Topic

Dr. Denis Rowley Godfrey, novelist and member of the English Department, will be speaking to the Philosophical Society on "The Spiritual Science of Rudolf Steiner" at 8:15 p.m., Wednesday, December 3, in Med. 142. His talk will be an outline on the philosophy of Rudolf Steiner and its application to problems of modern life.

Steiner founded a movement called anthroposophy, and Dr. Godfrey will show how this philosophy is applied to education. There are a number of educational schools in both England and continental Europe based on anthroposophy.

The meeting is open to all students and the general public.

## Sugar Factories

### Announce Awards

Canadian Sugar Factories Limited has announced the award of \$50 scholarships to Kenneth Hicken, M. Jo-Lene Takeya, Robert L. Baker, and Charles Eric Brom, grade 12 graduates from rural high schools in sugar beet growing areas of southern Alberta. Scholarship will be offered to 1953 graduates in the following districts: Picture Butte, Turin, Iron Springs, Barrhill, and Nobleford; Coaldale, Tempest, Broxburn, and McNally, Raymond, Stirling and Welling; and Taber-Barnwell.

### Dec. 2 The Meaning of Engagement

The engagement period should be an important step in preparing for a successful marriage. The function of the engagement period is a develop psychological unity, to learn to know each other, and to plan for the future. The film also discusses the delicate problem of "breaking an engagement" when it is the wisest choice.

### Dec. 3 Preparation of Teachers

Teacher education at Ball State Teachers College, Nuncio, Indiana; how to understand children provide for individual pupil differences; develop desirable personality traits in teachers.

### North American Elk

Life and habits of the North American Elk.

### Dec. 5 Adult Education

How evening classes bring adults of Bryant School, Woodside, Long Island, personal satisfaction and opportunity for professional or economic advancement enabling them to contribute to community life.

Wildlife student to beautiful town club girl: May I take you home?" Girl: "Sure, where do you live?"

## What Is CUP?

(One of the regular *Gateway* features is "Dregs From The CUP" edited by John Moore. The following article tells what the CUP is.—Ed.)

The average Canadian university student knows what AP, BUP, CP and Reuters stand for, the giant syndicate associations of modern journalism. But does he know what the initials CUP mean?

The CUP, the Canadian University Press, is an organization composed of twenty college and university undergraduate newspapers in Canada, stretching across the nation from the University of British Columbia in the west to Dalhousie University in Halifax.

Every time you pick up your particular college paper the chances are that you will read a news story bearing the CUP credit line. It may be a story about No Activities Week at McGill, about Western's new Weekly, about student drinking at Queen's, about Acadia's editorials, about UBC's kidnapping, about Toronto's women editors, about Dalhousie's new Arts building or column from the University of Manitoba.

Member papers in the west include *The Ubyssey* of the U of BC, *The Manitoban* of the U of Manitoba, *The Sheaf* of the U of Saskatchewan, and *The Gateway* of the U of Alberta. In Ontario member papers are *The Varsity* of the U of Toronto, *The Gazette* of the U of Western Ontario, *The Carleton* of Carleton College, *The Journal* of Queen's University, *The Silhouette* of McMaster University and *The Fulcrum* and *LeReotonde*, of the University of Ottawa. In Quebec the member papers are *Le Quartier* of Laval University, *Le Quartier Latin*, of the University of Montreal, *The Georgian* of Sir George Williams College and *The McGill Daily* of McGill University. CUP members in the Maritime region are *The Dalhousie Gazette* of Dalhousie University, *The Athenaeum* of Acadia University, *The Brunswickian* of the U of NB, *The Argosy* of Mount Allison University and the *Xaverian* of St. Francis Xavier University.

These twenty CUP member papers across the nation have a total circulation of some 70,000. Probably a

good example of the part played by the Canadian University newspaper would be the Russian exchange question now being hotly debated at the various Canadian campi. In this controversy the student has been kept up to date on the progress made and the opinions expressed at universities across the nation.

At its annual conference at McMaster University in Hamilton during the Christmas holidays, CUP will celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of its founding. The CUP came into being on New Year's Day, 1938, when the editors of 12 Canadian College papers met in Winnipeg to discuss ambitions which had interested them for some time—the possibilities of a nation-wide news service which would have the effect of consolidating student opinion and abolishing sectionalism. For the first two years the CUP was under the wing of the National Federation of Canadian University Students. Breaking away from the NFCUS sponsorship, the early editors recognized that the CUP had vast possibilities.

The establishment of special press rates and filing arrangements with Canadian Pacific Telegraph brought about the establishment of a trans-Canada CUP wire service. This made it possible to gather student opinion on any subject within 24 hours. With the advent of the Second World War, CUP activities began to decline as participation declined, resulting naturally in a lack of knowledge as to just what Canadian University Press was all about.

The CUP, however, did manage to survive the war years with some semblance of organization and with the coming of the peace a new and greater interest in the CUP was evident.

The basic organization of the CUP provides for election of one paper to service as its executive. Hundreds and often thousands of miles separate its members, who thus have scant and infrequent opportunity to collaborate with one another verbally.

BY JOHN CUNNINGHAM  
THE MCGILL DAILY

The present National President is the Acadia Athenaeum.

Each member paper has a CUP Editor whose duty it is to supply his paper with news and views from the other campi and to transmit to the other member papers news of his university. The foundation of the Canadian University Press is the mail service by which each member paper receives copies of all the other member papers. The wire service of the CUP provides opportunity for the quick and inexpensive transmission of news. When a paper receives a telegram from another paper it queries the next paper in the chain as to whether or not it is interested in the story. If it is, the recipient refiles or forwards the story. It was in this way that the UBC's move to sponsor a Russian student exchange was sent across the continent.

The CUP has at present four trophies for which its member papers compete annually. These trophies are the Southam Trophy, the Jacques Bureau Trophy, the Bracken Trophy and Le Droit Trophy. The Southam Trophy is for the best English language newspaper with a circulation of 3,000 and over. The Jacques Bureau Trophy is for the best English language newspaper with a circulation of under 3,000. The present holder is the Silhouette of McMaster University. Le Droit Trophy is contested for annually by the three French language papers, the present holder being Le Carabin of Laval University. The Bracken Trophy is contested by all the member papers and is awarded to the paper whose editorial writing is judged to be the best. The present holder of the Bracken Trophy is the Varsity of the U of T. Incidentally, the Bracken Trophy has a rather interesting life during the past year. It travelled the return distance from Toronto to Winnipeg when it was stolen from its case at the University of Toronto and sent to the University of Manitoba. This theft was ironically provoked by a Varsity editorial.

### COTC

Annual mess dinner of the U of A Contingent COTC will be held in the King Edward Hotel at 1830 hrs. on Tues 2 Dec. 52. Dress—Lounge suits. All members of the unit will notify the RSC prior to 1 Dec. 52 of their intention to attend or not to attend.

## Lawyers Comprise McGoun Cup Team

McGoun Cup debating team has been chosen. Four U of A law students next January will carry the green and gold banner into inter-varsity competition and attempt to bring back to Alberta The McGoun cup, symbol of university debating superiority in the four western provinces.

The team: Isadore Gliener, 1st year pre-law; Dave McDonald, 2nd year law; Jim Redmond, 2nd year law; Percy Marshall, B.A., 3rd year law.

Gliener has had public-speaking experience in the U.S.A. McDonald was on Alberta's team in 1951. Marshall, two years ago.

Two members will travel to Saskatoon to debate on the third Friday in January. The remaining two will stay here and meet two debaters from one of the other universities. The cup will be won on a point basis.

The team was chosen in tryout held during the past several weeks. Judges were Dr. H. B. Mayo, head of the department of political economy and Professor A. Smith, acting dean of law.

Alternate team members are: Doug Sherbanuk, third year law and Bill Winspear, 2nd year commerce.

Willie, sleeping on the track, saw an engine big and black; Neighbours were amazed to find How it broadened Willie's mind.

### By Hugh Lawford

Alberta's mental hospitals are understaffed and underfinanced. Miss Roberta Kiefer told the psychology club at their meeting Tuesday afternoon in the projection room of the Rutherford Library. Miss Kiefer is a psychologist at the Oliver mental institute.

Work at the institute is handicapped by a lack of enough staff, both psychiatric and medical, Miss Kiefer asserted. She described the present situation as, "too few people too inadequately trained."

Miss Kiefer scored underpayment of mental hospital employees as one of the reasons for the lack of staff.

Moreover, she said, more money is needed for supplies. She pointed out that, although a number of new buildings are being built at the Oliver hospital, workers suffer from a lack of funds to provide for simple testing materials. "We must budget for every nickel," she claimed.

### Condemns Legal Requirements

Miss Kiefer also described the legal requirements relating to mental work. She pointed out that the law often forced release of patients who might otherwise be more completely cured if they could be legally required to remain under hospital care for a longer time. Persons who are released by the law often return.

The legal version of insanity only recognizes as insane those who are dangerous to society or who do not know what they are doing. However, she stated, there are psychotic patients who cannot be classified into either category.

### Condemns Modern Education

In answer to a question Miss Kiefer claimed that modern educat-

ion errs in attempting to employ a system of progressive education with classes that are too large. Since progressive education requires emphasis on the development of the personality of the individual student, it can only be used with classes smaller than those at present.

"It can't work with a class of 40!" she asserted.

Miss Kiefer also discussed the type of work done by the Oliver hospital. She commented upon the testing techniques and diagnosis employed by the hospital staff.

### Medical People Inadequate

Many workers combine their findings regarding the individual patient, she said. Generally, staff relationship are very cooperative, she added. However, Miss Kiefer pointed out the inadequacies of medical people who do psycho-therapy, and the discretion they employ.

Miss Kiefer advised club members who are interested in entering the field of mental health work, to consider the possibilities of remaining in this area. The University of Alberta can provide an adequate background of training for the work, she said.

### Emotion Maturity Needed

Just as much as training, Miss Kiefer stated, a worker needs emotional maturity. She advised students to work for two years in some position where they would meet the public before entering into mental hospital work.

Miss Kiefer discussed other features of education for psychological work. She claimed that a master's degree from a Canadian university is equivalent to a Ph.D. from an American institution.